



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Navassa, NC

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Navassa was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Navassa (population 1,670) is located between the Brunswick and Cape Fear Rivers, about three miles from Wilmington, North Carolina. Historically, Navassa's primary industries have been fertilizer production, wood creosoting plants, and fish packing. Six potentially contaminated brownfields identified by the town represent nearly one-third of the available commercial or industrial land in Navassa. Several of these properties are on the banks of the Cape Fear River, where contaminant runoff poses a potential threat to neighboring communities. The town plans to focus its assessment activities on the Cape Fear Meat Packing Plant site, which has been used for fertilizer production and meat packing activities since the early 1900s. Navassa is a poor

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Navassa for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup and reuse plans for the Cape Fear Meat Packing Plant site. Funds also will be used to monitor the health of citizens potentially exposed to contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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community that lags behind its neighbors and the rest of the state. The median household income is 71 percent that of the county, and 25 percent of residents live below the poverty level. About 87 percent of Navassa residents are African-American. Assessment of the town's brownfields will accelerate the cleanup process and ultimately allow productive redevelopment. Brownfields redevelopment will help protect human health and the environment and attract new business and industry to Navassa, thereby creating job opportunities and strengthening the town's tax base.